

Robert Elmer House  
230 East Commerce Street  
Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Owner: Albert R. Mc Allister

Date of Erection: 1756

Architect:

Builder: Robert Elmer

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with Captain's  
walk, dormers

Historical Data:

This house was built at four different times. Originally, there was a road along the west side of the house and the first section faced this road; this section is now at the rear. Two other sections were built facing this same old road. The last section was built in 1815 and is the east section of the house facing Commerce Street. At present, the whole house is used as a law office by Mr. Mc Allister.

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The property remained in the possession of the family until the present owner acquired title in 1931. A search of the title in possession of the owner going back to 1800 shows that at that time the house belonged to a Samuel Seeley who had married into the Elmer family. The property descended from him to Charles E. Elmer. There are names other than Elmer in the chain of title; however, the owner says that they were members of the Elmer family by marriage.

A thorough search made by the present owner establishes the year 1756 as about the approximate date. There is a possibility of it being a few years earlier or a few years later.

Bibliography:

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